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In re Patent Application of: :  
Ralph et al. :  
Application No. 10/648,464 : Group Art Unit: 3738  
Filed: August 25, 2003 : Examiner: J. G. Blanco  
For: INTERVERTEBRAL SPACER DEVICE :  
HAVING A SLOTTED PARTIAL :  
CIRCULAR DOMED ARCH STRIP SPRING :  

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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.116**

Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action dated June 5, 2007, finally rejecting claims 13-16, 18, 20, 21 and 23-26, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows: